

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Taggart ) Examiner:  
Serial No.: ) Art Unit:  
Filed: ) Dkt. No.: STEU-3250

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASEPTIC PACKAGING

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert: --This application is a  
divisional of Serial No. 09/306,552, filed on May 6, 1999, which  
is a non-provisional of Serial No. 60/118,404, filed on February  
2, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 and 21.

REMARKS

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary